

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION****In the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph as the first paragraph appearing after the Title on page 1 of the subject application.

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/194,717, filed April 5, 2000 and entitled POINTBUS ARCHITECTURE AND AUTOMATIC SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.